

(b) and (c) After disinvestments, the financial health of M/s. HTL Ltd. was severely affected due to acute shortfall in working capital requirements and lack of orders from the market.

(d) After its disinvestments on 16-10-2001, M/s HTL Ltd. is no more a Public Sector Undertaking and the Government has no direct control over its activities. However, the Government through its nominees on the Board of Directors keeps a watch on the activities of the company. The latest report of CAG does not contain measures to improve the financial position of M/s HTL Ltd.

Recruitment of workers in BSNL, Almora

2428. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL, Almora has recruited workers on daily wages; and

(b) if so, the details of workers, departments, wage and duration of their employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Computerised post offices in Tamil Nadu

2429. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of computerized post offices in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(b) the steps taken to improve facilities on savings bank, insurance schemes etc. through computerization; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce the waiting time at various counters in post offices?